Third Sunday of Advent

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF MILLBURY
ST. BRIGID OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

PARISH OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT:

St. Brigid Parish
59 Main Street, Millbury, MA 01527
Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
(508) 865-6624 • **Fax:** (508) 865-3101

Assumption Parish Phone: (508) 865-2657

St. Vincent de Paul: (774) 262-5506

www.assumptionmillbury.org
www.stbrigidparish.org

Check our websites for individual email addresses.

MASS TIMES

Assumption Church
12 Waters Street

Mon. & Thurs.: 9:00 AM
Tues. & Wed.: 7:00 AM
Sun.: 9:00 AM

St. Brigid Church
59 Main Street

Sat.: 4:00 PM
Sun.: 7:00 AM & 11:00 AM

PASTORAL & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Fr. Dan Mulcahy, *Pastor*

Deacon Ron Buron, K.H.S., *Permanent Deacon*
Facilities Manager

Sister Jeanne Richard, S.A.S.V.,
Pastoral Care Ministry

Claudette Belair, *Music Director*

Greg Bernard, *Faith Formation (Gr. K-12)*
Family Ministry

Kathy Buron, *Safe Environment Coordinator*

Donna Gazaille, *Administrative Assistant*

Ronald Marlborough, *Maintenance Director*

Carol Trainque, *RCIA Director*
Liturgical Coordinator

Members of the staff may be contacted by calling the Parish Offices at (508) 865-6624. The offices are open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM. If the offices are closed, feel free to leave a voicemail and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturdays 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM
or anytime upon request.

Baptism

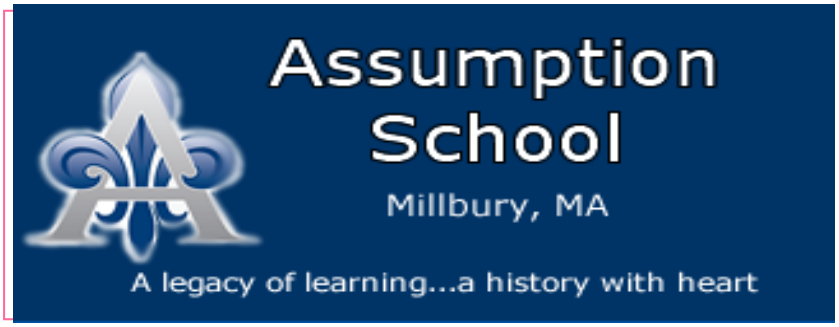
Baptism Gatherings, to prepare families for the sacrament of Baptism, are held 4 times a year. Baptisms are held each month.
For more information, or to make arrangements, please call the parish offices at (508) 865-6624.

Marriage

Please call the rectory at least one year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls

Please call the rectory when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home or hospice. Holy Communion is brought weekly to all shut-ins.



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www.assumption-cs.org

Sat., December 10

4:00 PM **Louis and Flora Mosher**
By: The Family

Sun., December 11

7:00 AM **Catherine Bannon**
By: Janice Despres

9:00 AM **Frances Messier** (3rd Anniversary)
By: Her Children

11:00 AM **Louis G. Felice** (14th Anniversary) and **Philamena T. Felice** (2nd Anniversary)
By: Their Family

Mon., December 12

9:00 AM **Frank J. Yaz**
By: Terri Yaz

Tues., December 13

7:00 AM **Stella Army**
By: Madelaine Willette

Wed., December 14

7:00 AM **The People of the Catholic Parishes of Millbury**

Thurs., December 15

9:00 AM **Mary Mrozinski**
(Birthday Remembrance)
By: Her Husband, Victor

Sat., December 17

4:00 PM **Antonio Irarragorri** (13th Anniversary)
By: The Family

Sun., December 18

7:00 AM **Tracey Mellen**
By: Her Parents

9:00 AM **Walter Paille**
By: His Wife, Lovita

11:00 AM **Mary Mrozinski**
By: Her Husband, Victor

(Our apologies for any errors or misspelled names.)

Saturday, December 17, 4:00 PM at St. Brigid

L: J. Palmisano *AS: T. Yaz, J. Prue*
EM: K. Levitre, J. Nietupski, K. Anderson, M.. Bourdeau

Sunday, December 18, 7:00 AM at St. Brigid

L: M. Blunt *AS: J. Mazeika*
EM: W. & M. Blunt

Sunday, December 18, 9:00 AM at Assumption

L: R. Bazin *AS: M. Le, R. Nagelschmidt*
EM: L. Lucas, Sr. Jeanne, T. & F. Jakubiak

Sunday, December 18, 11:00 AM at St. Brigid

L: J. Piselli *AS: D. & C. Piselli*
EM: N. & D. Keeney

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Scripture for the week of December 11, 2016

11	SUN	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
12	Mon	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 (690A)
13	Tue	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
14	Wed	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23
15	Thu	Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30
16	Fri	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36
17	Sat	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
18	SUN	Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK:

Our Lady of the Assumption Candle

In loving memory of
Mary Mrozinski
Requested by her husband, Victor

St Brigid Candles

In loving memory of
Frank J. Yaz
Requested by Terri Yaz

In loving memory of
Gladys, Arthur, and Robert Quitadamo
Requested by the Mazzone Family

In thanksgiving to
St. Jude
Requested by Julia Wall

Remember in Prayer this Week:

Those who serve in our Military:

Patrick Hafferty Nicole Leonard
Brandon Perkins Marc Winchester

Reminder: Forms are available at each parish to add names to the Prayer List or call the rectory at 508-865-6624 with your request. Names will be removed on a monthly basis.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER
Prayer Line 508-865-5373

If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer, call the confidential prayer line listed above.

REMEMBRANCE SECTION
Would you like to remember a loved one in our Remembrance section? The cost of enrollment will be a $50 donation for the year. Please contact Donna at (508) 865-6624 to enroll your loved one.

In Remembrance:

John & Julia Anger
Lee Aubin
Jeanne Augustine
Larry F. Army
Arthur G. Boucher
Natalie Bourdeau
Patricia Bourdeau
Sylvio E. Bourdeau
Frank Cammuso, Jr.
Gladys Carroll
Philip Chabot, Sr.
Donna "Gain" Cournoyer
Roland O. Couture
Gerald & Peggy Croteau
George A. D'Auteuil, Jr.
George A. D'Auteuil, Sr.
Raymond DeRouin
Armand Desorcy
Joseph Dunn
Timothy P. Eckland
Lois M. Fisher
William Gain, Jr.
Bernice Gaudere
Raymond Godbout
Ruth Gonsorcik
Daniel Guadagnoli
Derek Hamilton
Matthew Hartline
Paul J. Jandron
Joanne Juskavitch
Claire Kobel
Richard Kroll
Lillian Langevin
Tan Le
Edward L. Lemoine
Kevin Lemoine
Rita Lemoine
June Ann Leonard
Lorraine Letendre
Mark Lizotte
William and Irene Louis
Ralph & Helen Ludvigson
Marilyn McLeod
Leo & Jane Metivier
Kenneth Michalak
Mary B. Mrozinski
Daniel R. Mulcahy, Sr.
Joseph Noonan
Albert Nikosey
John P. O'Malley
Janet Parsekian
Anne Rita Pierce
Elaine Roy
Darlene Russell
Dorothy Russell
Marshall Russell
Michael W. Russell
William Russell
Pauline Smith
C. Richard Stockhaus
Frederick Stockwell
Sandra Lee Stockwell
Margaret E. Stockwell
Joseph F. Stockwell
Neal R. Thomas
Edward Tokus
Robert E. Vaillancourt
Lucille Vecchione
Margaret Wendt
Ronald Woodward
Frank J. Yaz

SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 11TH
SVDP Food Drive

Liturgy of the Word for Children @ OLAC/OLAH - 9:00 AM
Faith Formation Gr. 3-4-5-6 @ OLAH - 10:15 - 11:30 AM
SVDP Gift Pick-Up @ SBH - 1:00 - 2:00 PM
Faith Formation Gr. 7-8-9 @ OLAH - 6:00 - 7:30 PM
SLA @ SBH - 7:30 PM

MONDAY ~ DECEMBER 12TH

Associates of the Assumption @ OLAH- 7:00 PM
AA @ SBH - 7:00 PM
GA @ OLAH - 7:30 PM

TUESDAY ~ DECEMBER 13TH

CaFÉ @ SBH - 11:00 AM
Holy Hour @ OLAC - 5:50 PM - 6:50 PM
CaFÉ @ OLAH - 7:00 PM
Choir @ SBC - 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY ~ DECEMBER 14TH

Rosary Makers @ SBH - 7:00 PM
School Christmas Pageant @ OLAC - 7:00 PM

THURSDAY ~ DECEMBER 15TH

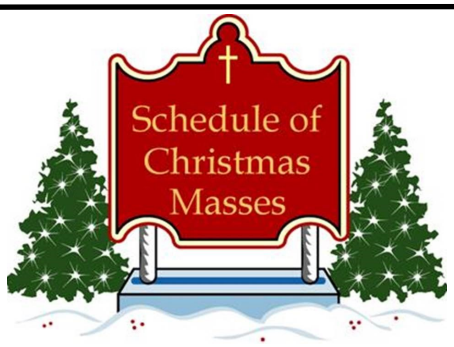
Scouts @ SBH - 6:00 PM

SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 18TH

French Toast Breakfast @ SBH - 8:00 AM
French Toast & Pancakes with Santa @ SBH -
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Liturgy of the Word for Children @ OLAC/OLAH - 9:00 AM
Faith Formation Gr. 2-3-4-5-6 @ OLAH - 10:15 - 11:30 AM
Boy Scouts Religious Emblems @ SBC - 2:00 - 3:30 PM
Faith Formation Gr. 7-8-9 @ OLAH - 6:00 - 7:30 PM
SLA @ SBH - 7:30 PM

KEY TO LOCATIONS

SBC=St. Brigid Church
SBH=St. Brigid Hall
CPO=Catholic Parish Offices
OLAC=Assumption Church
OLAH=Assumption Hall
OLAS= Assumption School



All are warmly welcomed, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th ~ Christmas Eve Masses

St Brigid:
3:30 PM Lessons & Carols
4:00 PM Mass

Our Lady of the Assumption:
5:30 PM Lessons & Carols
6:00 PM Mass

Our Lady of the Assumption:
11:30 PM Lessons & Carols
Midnight Mass

December 25th ~ Christmas Day Masses

St. Brigid:
10:00 AM Mass

December 31st ~ Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

St. Brigid:
4:00 PM Mass

January 1st ~ The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

St. Brigid:
7:00 AM Mass

Our Lady of the Assumption:
9:00 AM Mass

St. Brigid:
11:00 AM Mass

STEWARDSHIP

St. Brigid Parish
Income
Weekend of November 26/27, 2016

Regular Weekly Collection	$6,023.00
Electronic Giving (11/21 - 11/27, 2016)	$230.00
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$6,253.00**
Other Parish Income:	
Mass Stipends	$80.00
Candles	$0.00
Utilities *(includes online when applicable)*	$71.00
Funerals	$600.00
In Remembrance *(Bulletin)*	$100.00
Faith Formation *(Confirmation Fees)*	$245.00
Faith Formation *(Registration/Fees)*	$50.00
Christmas Flowers	$55.00
Grand Annual	$60.00
Christmas	$10.00
Immaculate Conception	$10.00
Solemnity of Mary	$10.00
Total Other Income	**$1,291.00**
Total Income for Operating Expenses	**$7,544.00**
Other Non-Parish Income:	
Debt	$61.00
Debt *(Electronic Giving)*	$10.00
Specialty Ministries	$861.00

St. Brigid Cash Flow
November 24, 2016 - November 30, 2016

Payroll *(Week end 11/26)*	$2,420.27
Payroll Taxes *(Includes Employee's Share)*	$1,003.97
PayChex, Inc. *(Payroll Processing Fee)*	$41.06
RC Bishop of Worcester *(403 B Plan)*	$157.48
Clergy Benefits	$503.34
RC Bishop of Worcester *(Old Debt)*	$2,875.00
St. Vincent de Paul	$412.00
Tally's *(Christmas Wafers)*	$251.25
RC Bishop of Worcester *(Camp. For Human Dev.)*	$940.00
Total Monies Paid	**$8,604.37**

Your Christmas Offering

At all of our Christmas Masses, the first collection, (the envelope marked December 25th), will be for our regular stewardship.

A second collection will be taken during all of the Christmas Masses. The Christmas envelope will allow Fr. Dan to say a special thank you to our staff members on behalf of the people of our parishes..

OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Dec. 10/11...
Debt

Dec. 17/18 ...
Specialty Ministries

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish
Income
Weekend of November 26/27, 2016

Regular Weekly Collection	$2,339.00
Electronic Giving (11/21 - 11/27, 2016)	$100.00
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$2,439.00**
Other Parish Income:	
Candles	$10.00
In Remembrance *(Bulletin)*	$100.00
Utilities *(includes online when applicable)*	$268.00
Catholic Schools Appeal	$100.00
Christmas Flowers	$125.00
Grand Annual	$100.00
Total Other Income	**$703.00**
Total Income for Operating Expenses	**$3,142.00**
Other Non-Parish Income:	
Debt	$510.00
Debt *(Electronic Giving)*	$50.00
Specialty Ministries	$583.00
SVDP	$100.00

Assumption Cash Flow
November 24, 2016 - November 30, 2016

Eversource *(Rectory)*	$234.55
Eversource *(Grove Street)*	$224.64
National Grid *(Rectory)*	$152.00
National Grid *(Grove Street)*	$193.00
RC Bishop of Worcester *(Old Debt)*	$1,514.00
St. Vincent de Paul	$100.00
RC Bishop of Worcester *(Camp. For Human Dev.)*	$500.83
Clergy Benefits	$503.34
Total Monies Paid	**$3,422.36**

FLOWER DONATIONS

Thank you for your flower donations in honor/memory of your loved ones. Their names will be inscribed in a book which will become a part of our Christmas decorations in each of the churches. Know that your loved ones will be remembered at all of our Christmas Masses.

YOUTH & FAMILY FORMATION

YOUTH MINISTRY

FOLLOW US ON:

www.facebook.com/sbcyc
or
@ MillburyCYC

YOUTH CENTER THIS WEEK

Youth in grades 7-12 welcome!

Sunday, December 11th
CLOSED/FAITH FORMATION

Thursday, December 15th
6:30-8:30PM
NATIVITY PRAYER

Sunday, December 18th
CLOSED/FAITH FORMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation

This past Friday evening, December 9th, the following ten young adults from our parishes were renewed in the Holy Spirit by the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in prayer as they continue their journey of faith.

Jillian Carew
Ashley Crossman
Matthew Divris
Ryan Gagliardi
Zachary Graves
Nicholas Lazzaro
Brennan McCarthy
Alexis Moscoffian
Thomas Sasso
Gianna Vincequere

Faith Formation Sessions December

All sessions begin in Assumption Church Hall promptly at the designated time. Grade 2-6 parents are invited to join their children in Assumption Hall after the 9:00 Mass until 10:15AM for music and opening prayer for each session.

Grade 2	December 18 January 8 & 22 10:00 -11:30AM First Eucharist Parent Meeting January 7 9:00AM Assumption Hall
Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6	December 11 & 18 January 15 & 29 10:00 -11:30AM
Grades 7, 8 & 9	December 11 & 18 January 15 & 29 6:00 - 7:30PM

CSAW 2017

SAVE THE DATES
July 31 - August 4
Grades 8-12

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Diocese of Worcester
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Phone: 774-262-5506

MONTHLY MEETINGS

3rd Sunday - 10:00 AM
The Offices of the
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
New Members Welcome!

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Monthly: 1st Weekend
Food Bins are located in the Main Entrance of the Church

All food donations must be dropped off on food drive dates and placed in the large blue bins only, no exceptions. NO Perishables, NO Cleanouts

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Monthly: 1st Weekend - 12:15 PM
St. Brigid Church Hall

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS LIST

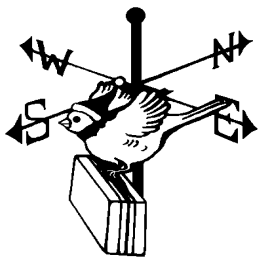
The pantry is in desperate need of the following:

Rice...Hamburger Helper...Pasta...Spaghetti...Cereal…
Canned Chicken...Snacks...Fruit...Applesauce

Please No Perishable, Expired Dates, or Pet Food.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT SHOP

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
507 Park Ave., Worcester (508)752-4232



Snow Policy… No School/No Mass

For the safety of our parishioners, when school is **canceled or delayed** in the town of Millbury, daily Mass is also canceled.

LOOKING FOR CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING ON CHARTER TV?

Local Diocesan Programming is now on Charter Channel 193; Boston's Catholic TV is on Channel 101, and EWTN is on Channel 18.

On **December 10 and 11**, please bring your gifts and place them under the giving tree. Please remember to securely tie packages together if there is more than one item for your tag. If you purchase a gift card, please put it in a gift bag or a box and wrap it. All gifts should be wrapped and must be returned no later (**but earlier is fine**) than the weekend of December 10 and 11 at 11:00 AM as the gifts will be packed up that day. If you are unable to purchase the desired gift or have any questions, please call Donna at 508-865-6624.

On **December 17 and 18**, you will receive a special gift from God's house to yours.

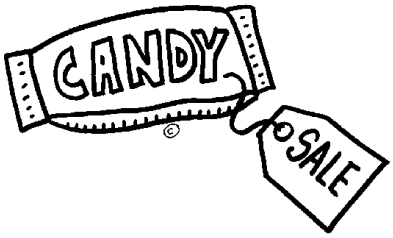
HO HO HO … WHAT DO YOU KNOW! Santa heard that we are having French Toast and Pancakes on Sunday Morning, December 18th. He will be here at St. Brigid Hall from 10:00 AM until 12:30 PM. Pictures will be taken so that Santa will be sure to remember you! All ages welcome.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom." As we await the coming of the Lord, let us rejoice and encourage our marriages to bloom by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Jan 20-22, 2017 in Duxbury, MA and Mar 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWMEMA.org.

Assumption School
Millbury, MA
A legacy of learning...a history with heart

Assumption School will be having their annual Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 PM in Assumption Church. This tradition is a wonderful way to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Assumption School wishes everyone a Blessed Christmas.



Assumption School Class of 2017
Candy Sale

Want to spread the holiday cheer?
Buy a chocolate pop this year.

Before and After the 9:00 AM Mass at
Assumption Parish
On December 11th and December 18th

Peppermint Bark: $3.00
Chocolate Pops: $1.00
Chocolate Dipped Pretzel Rods: 4 for $2.00

Please Support Our Class Trip!
Thank You

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you need a place to talk about your feelings of betrayal or hurt by the Church, call
Judith Audette
Office for Healing and Prevention,
(508) 929-4363.
A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.

Diocese of Worcester
Office of the Bishop
49 Elm Street
Worcester, MA 01609

December 3, 2016

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Reflecting on the fruits of the Year of Mercy, I cannot help but recall the example of thousands of now elderly women and men religious who, for so many, were a living sign of God's mercy. These women and men – Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests – were indeed the hands of Christ as they educated the young, cared for the sick, and ministered to the neediest among us. Through their service and witness, they modeled the compassionate love of Jesus and showed us that we, too, could be instruments of peace and mercy.

Today, many senior religious continue to be vessels of mercy, serving in a wide range of volunteer and prayer ministries. Others are frail and need assistance. Most older religious ministered for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. With the ever-rising cost of health care and the increased number of those needing care, many religious communities struggle to provide for aging members.

On the weekend of **December 17 & 18** our parishes will be conducting the appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an annual collection that benefits nearly 33,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift provides vital support for medications, nursing care and more. It also helps religious communities implement long–term retirement strategies that ensure both quality eldercare and continued service to the People of God.

I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of support. I ask simply to give what you can. In thanksgiving for the lessons of mercy senior religious have shared with us, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Robert J. McManus

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

RCIA
Right of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you been a Catholic all of your life and never received all of the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation)? Have you joined us from a different faith background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church? If either of the above questions applies to you, we would be happy to help you on your journey. If you would like more information, please feel free to call the parish offices at St. Brigid (508-865-6624), and we would be happy to answer any of your questions and inquiries.

PARISH AND LOCAL AREA NEWS

MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

"CRIBBAGE CLUB" - Join us every Monday at 1:00 PM for our new Cribbage Club! Have Lunch ahead of time at 12 noon to make it a fun filled day! *Noon lunch every Monday through Friday. Suggested donation $2.50. Remember every Friday is special treat day. A 48 hour reservation is required.*

KARAOKE!!
Every Tuesday at 11AM
Join us at the Senior Center for some SING-A-LONG FUN with our **new** Karaoke Machine!

"PASTEL DREAMERS"
ADULT COLORING CLASSES
Every Thursday 10 - 11:30 AM
NO SUPPLIES NEEDED!
Come give it a try. It's a very relaxing activity.

BRIDGE CLUB
Fridays at 12:30 PM.
Please give us a call and let us know if you are interested, 508-865-9154.

RMV TRANSACTIONS
Every Wednesday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

We focus on Duplicates/Renewals for Licenses, Registrations, Mass ID, and Placard Cards along with Change of Address. Call us for an appointment! 508-865-9154

YOUR SMILE FOR TODAY ...

The Doorbell

A pastor is walking down the street one day when he notices a small boy trying to use the doorbell on a house across the street. However, the boy is very small and the doorbell is too high for him to reach. After watching the boy's efforts for some time the pastor walks across the street up to the little fellow and rings the doorbell. Kneeling down next to the child, the pastor smiles and asks, "And now what, my little man?" To which the boy replies, "Run!"

MARCH FOR LIFE REGISTRATION INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE!

Plan now to attend the 44th annual March for Life in Washington, DC on **Friday, Jan. 27, 2017**! Buses will leave from St. Paul's Cathedral on Thurs., Jan. 26 following the Respect Life Mass at 7:30 P.M., and will travel to the Basilica of National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC in time for Friday morning Mass followed by the March for Life at noon. Buses will return to Worcester immediately following the March, arriving back at St. Paul's at approximately 1 A.M. on Saturday, Jan. 28. Cost is $70 per seat for registrations postmarked by Dec. 31, and $85 thereafter. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis until all seats are full. For more details and to download registration forms, visit worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311 or email aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org. Can't attend this year but want to help? Consider making a donation to help defray expenses for our students in need who want to attend. Thank you!

ELDERLY AND/OR HOMEBOUND

Transportation available - 4:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Brigid Church. This ministry is sponsored by both parishes utilizing a handi-capable van. For information call Deacon Ron (508) 865-6624.

SHUTTLE INFORMATION

Saturday, December 10	**Robert Gauthier**
Saturday, December 17	**Gene Corridori**
Saturday, December 24	**Jerry Willette**
Saturday, December 31	**Chris Brady**

If you know of a parishioner - who is homebound or shut-in, please contact Deacon Ron at (508) 865-6624 to set up a time to receive Communion